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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Action of February 11, 2003.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks is respectfully requested.

The amendments respond to new rejections that were not previously made, and therefore, could not have been made at an earlier time. In addition, the amendments incorporate the Examiner's suggestions and are believed, in good faith to place the claims in condition for allowance.